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NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed with this response.

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement providing information regarding the BLAST results previously provided. Applicants respectfully request that the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by the Applicants under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, the present Amendment and Response is further accompanied by the submission of a Declaration signed by all of the inventors of the present application. In addition, enclosed herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) to correct the inventorship in the present application, the consideration of which is respectfully requested.

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